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SUBJECT: SENATE AMENDMENT RE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURITY
ASSISTANCE BILL

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMENDMENT
TO SECURITY ASISTANCE BILL ADOPTED 87-0 JULY 26.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON PAGE 31, BETWEEN LINES 5 AND 6, INSERT
THE FOLLOWING:

SEC. 26 (A) THE CONGRESS FINDS THAT:

1. A LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT IS
VITAL TO UNITED STATES' NATIONAL INTERESTS AS WELL AS TO
THE INTERESTS OF THE STATES OF THE REGION; AND
2. SUPPORT FOR A STRONG AND SECURE ISRAEL AND THE MAIN-
TENANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE OF ISRAEL'S EFFECTIVE DEFENSE
CAPABILITIES AS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE REMAINS A FUNDAMENTAL
TENET OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY; AND
3. DIRECT, FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
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EGYPT WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS IS A HISTORIC OPENING FOR
PEACE, AND THE SUPPORT OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS BY OTHER MODER-
ATE ARAB STATES, CAN BEST PROMOTE A PEACE SETTLEMENT BASED
ON MUTUAL CONCESSIONS AND COMMODATION; AND

4. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURE, RECOGNIZED AND DEFENSIBLE
BORDERS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS WILL DISCOURAGE
HOSTILITIES; AND

5. FULL, NORMALIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING TRADE, TRAVEL, TOURISM, COMMUNICATIONS AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE VITAL FOR PEACE.

(B) IT IS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE AS MEDIATOR TO PROMOTE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER ARAB STATES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO PEACE TREATIES WITH ISRAEL; AND THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC NEEDS AND DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL ADVANCED AIRCRAFT, TO MAINTAIN ISRAEL'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE.

ON PAGE 31, LINE 6, STRIKE OUT "SEC 26" AND INSERT IN LIEU THEREOF "SEC 27".

END OF TEXT.

6. AMENDMENT SPONSORED BY SENATORS BAKER, CHURCH, CRANSTON, JAVITS, STONE, CHAFEE, GRIFFIN, THURMOND, BROOKE, MATHIAS, METZENBAUM, WALLOP, LEIGAR, SCHMITT, HEINZ, ROTH, PERCY, HAYAKAWA, MUSKIE, DOMENICI. VANCE

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